

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 A01K11/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A01K G09F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, PAJ, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	DE 298 12 383 U (RUPPERT) 22 October 1998 (1998-10-22) page 6, paragraph 3 -page 7; figure 1	1
A	EP 0 941 656 A (N.V. NEDERLANDSE APPARATENFABRIEK NEDAP) 15 September 1999 (1999-09-15) the whole document	1
A	US 2002/095828 A1 (KOOPMAN) 25 July 2002 (2002-07-25)	
A	DE 37 30 894 A (HOLZER) 30 March 1989 (1989-03-30)	

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

\* Special categories of cited documents:

\*A\* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

\*E\* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

\*L\* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

\*O\* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

\*P\* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

\*T\* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

\*X\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

\*Y\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

\*&\* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

10 March 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

18/03/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2  
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk  
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl;  
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

von Arx, V.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

PC 03/50716

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
DE 29812383	U	22-10-1998	DE 29812383 U1	22-10-1998
EP 941656	A	15-09-1999	NL 1008539 C1	18-06-1998
			AU 2861899 A	27-09-1999
			DE 69900218 D1	20-09-2001
			DE 69900218 T2	23-05-2002
			EP 0941656 A1	15-09-1999
			WO 9945760 A1	16-09-1999
			US 6501430 B1	31-12-2002
US 2002095828	A1	25-07-2002	US 6497062 B1	24-12-2002
DE 3730894	A	30-03-1989	DE 3730894 A1	30-03-1989